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Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application is a continuation-in-part of assignee's co-pending U.S. Serial No. 09/271,997, entitled "Multiple Satellite Mobile Communications Method and Apparatus for Hand-Held Terminals," filed on March 18, 1999. This is clearly stated on page 1 of the patent application.

The "Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney" filed earlier did not specifically claim benefit of Serial No. 09/271,997 under 35 USC § 120. Therefore, a supplemental "Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney" signed by the inventors is enclosed herewith. This supplemental declaration is for a "Continuation-in-part application" and the inventors clearly claim the benefit of the parent application and acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to the inventors to be material to the patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations,



1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national filing date of this application.

The Office is requested to make this Supplemental Declaration of record.

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Enclosure: (1) Supplemental Declaration for Continuation-in-part application

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